



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

July 11, 2017

The public meeting of the Borough Council of Connoquenessing was called to order at 7:30 pm at the Connoquenessing Borough building.

Present were Council members Lloyd Leslie, Nathan Reed, Francis Smith, Mitch Leech, and Mayor Harold Rader.

Also present were Dave Bocci, Len and Linda Schoettker, Dr. Stuart Surkosky, and Vickie Forbes.

SEWAGE PLANT UPDATE

Bocci reported on normal summer operations with average flows of 33,000 gallons and a weekly high of 36,000 gallons, all below 50% hydraulic capacity.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Dan Cox submitted the following report:

On June 19th, 2017 Mr. Leslie, Mr. Hilliard and I met with representatives from Evans City Borough and Connoquenessing Township on a potential joint effort in Emergency Management. Forward Township has also expressed interest, but was not present at the meeting. We are reviewing options on how the cooperative effort would be managed and plan to get together again later this month to continue discussions."

Leslie commented on the meeting stating that he would like to get the Borough operational and then bring in neighboring communities.

BUSINESS

Smith motioned, Reed seconded to approve the meeting minutes of June 6, 2017. Motion passed.

Smith motioned, Reed seconded, to accept the submitted May 2017 Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

Leech motioned, Reed seconded, to approve the bills as submitted. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Whelan Complaint

Comments from the Borough Solicitor and Engineer were reviewed. Leech motioned, Reed seconded to notify the Whelan's by letter of these comments. Motion passed.

1206 Evans City Road

Council reviewed comments from the Solicitor regarding a lien being filed on 1206 Evans City Road.

NEW BUSINESS:

Revenue-Gas & Oil Development

A summary of all revenue received by the Borough for gas and oil development which began in 2010 was reviewed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire: Reed reported on attending the fire department consolidation meeting and stated that the two fire companies have been working and training together. There are concerns about the lack of involvement by one municipality and a concern for lack of financial commitment by municipalities.



MINUTES – 07/11/2017

- Law and Order:** Mayor Rader stated that he had received a report of a house having its windows smashed in the Borough.
- Streets:** The bid was awarded to the lowest bidder to cut down and remove the tree at 120 Main Street. Leslie and Smith met with the Borough Engineer to identify the specs for the sidewalk installation on Main Street. The specs must be approved by PennDot and then will be put out for bid.
- Zoning/Planning:** Current open positions advertised include the Alternate Zoning Hearing Board position as well as a position on the Planning Committee. Smith motioned, Reed seconded to appoint Steve Miller to the Planning Committee. Motion passed.
- Borough Building:** No Report
- Park:** Dr. Stuart Surkosky reported on an Eagle Scout project by John Michaels to make major repairs to the bathroom facilities in the Borough Park. Coordination of a date to do the work will be done with Francis Smith who will oversee the use of the bathroom facilities in the Borough building by picnickers while the bathroom facilities are under construction.
- Council discussed a request to use the ball field for drills and skills sessions and agreed to accept a contribution to the Park in lieu of the use of the field. This use of the field must be coordinated through Mike Slater first per the contract agreement.
- Sewage Financial:** No Report

MISCELLANEOUS

Smith commented on a National Geographic report on water levels.

Rader stated that he understood a traffic light would be installed at the new dealership location on Rt. 68 and was informed that Rt. 68 would be increased to three or four lanes in the future.

Leech motioned, Reed seconded at 8:30 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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